



*Arborist John Trautwein demonstrates proper pruning cuts to Tree Stewards.*

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**Juneau**

on

**Wednesdays & Thursdays**

**April 8 - April 29, 2004**

**6:00 - 9:00 pm**

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**Saturday, April 24 / 9:00 - 2:30**

# Alaska Community Tree Stewards

This program offers comprehensive training in planting and caring for trees and shrubs in communities. Graduates of the course become certified Alaska Community Tree Stewards and members of a special volunteer corps trained to care for Alaska's community trees and forests.

## Learn about:

- tree biology — how trees work
- soil types and conditions, fertilization
- selecting trees and shrubs for Juneau
- planting and caring for trees and shrubs
- tree and shrub identification
- problem diagnosis
- insects and disease—prevention/treatment
- pruning—why, how, and when
- landscape design using trees and shrubs
- laws concerning trees
- volunteer opportunities

There will be field trips and hands-on practice in tree identification, planting, and pruning.

## What is required?

Certificates will be given to those who attend all sessions and pass an open-book test. Participants also agree to volunteer 30 hours during the next year on community forestry projects. We can suggest appropriate projects and help connect you with local agencies. Scheduling the project is the responsibility of the volunteer.

A \$30 fee helps cover the costs of publications provided and a pruning workshop with Cass Turnbull of PlantAmnesty on April 24.

## When and where?

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Juneau/Douglas High School, Room 206

## How do you apply?

The course is open to anyone 18 years or older with an interest in urban trees and forests, and in volunteering in their community. Registration is limited to the first 25 people to register.

Applications are available from the Division of Forestry at 400 Willoughby Ave., Suite 300, and from the Cooperative Extension Service at 3032 Vintage Blvd., Suite 104 (465-8749). To request an application by mail or e-mail, call 269-8465 or e-mail [patricia\\_joyner@dnr.state.ak.us](mailto:patricia_joyner@dnr.state.ak.us).

Applications are due in the Division of Forestry office by 4:30 p.m. on **Monday, March 22**.

The Division of Forestry complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Individuals with disabilities who need accommodations to participate in this course may contact the division at the number above by March 22 to make necessary arrangements.



**Trees, shrubs,** and other plants provide more than color and beauty in our towns. Plants protect soil from erosion and reduce runoff, helping to maintain the purity of streams and lakes. Stands of trees divert the force of strong winds. They filter dust and other particles from the air. Trees provide shade on sunny summer days and shelter from the rain.

Forests provide homes for birds and other wildlife. Trees can act as buffers between different land uses, provide screening, absorb noise, and diffuse glare. Vegetation visually softens the hard edges of the urban setting.

**Urban (community) forestry** is the establishment and care of forests and trees in urban environments. It includes aspects of forestry, horticulture, arboriculture, ecology, and landscape architecture.

**Community Tree Stewards** play an important role in promoting the benefits of, and need for, community forestry in Alaska. They also provide the information and hands-on care that is crucial to the health of trees and forests in our communities.